Youth Council to Investigate Charge of C.I.A. Link

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WASHINGTON, March 5—The United States Youth Council set up an investigative group here this weekend to find out if the council had received money from the Central Intelligence Agency.

The council passed a resolution to end any ties to the intelligence agency that might be discovered and to avoid taking any of its money in the future.

Officers of the National Student Association have identified the Youth Council's main source of financing, the Foundation for Youth and Student Affairs of New York, as a conduit for channeling intelligence agency money to youth and student groups.

The Youth Council gets about 90 per cent of its money from the foundation, according to Barry Jagoda, a Columbia University graduate student, who is the council's press adviser.

James D. Fowler, president of the council, said last month that he had been told by the foundation that none of the council's money came from the inteligence agency.

Quarterly Meeting Held

The council voted yesterday in a quarterly meeting at the Statler-Hilton Hotel to establish a seven-man commission to look into the charge of C.I.A.-financing.

The charge is based on "circumstantial evidence," Mr. Fowler said today.

The council represents, and coordinates certain activities for 36 youth and student groups. It is the United States affiliate of the World Assembly of Youth, which has members in 54 countries and has also been identified as an organization receiving intelligence agency money.

Mr. Fowler was accused Friday night of having signed the intelligence agency's national security oath. So was Reed Martin, his assistant. Both denied it.

The accusation was made by Michael Wood, a former officer ofof the National Student Association, whose tip to Ramparts Magazine led to the disclosure of intelligence agency financing of a wide variety of private groups. Mr. Wood attended the Friday night session as an observer and made the charge from the floor, Mr. Jagoda said.

Bobby L. Hill, an attorney for the N.A.A.C.P. Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc., was named chairman of the seven-man investigating commission. He represents the Youth Division of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People on the Youth Council.

Others on the commission are as follows:

Virgil Musser, president of the Young Democratic Clubs of America.

Edison Elkins, executive director of the Collegiate Council for the United Nations.

Keith Payne, director of the Middle Atlantic Region of the Young Men's Christian Association.

Edward E. Kemple, chairman of the council delgation from the National Catholic Youth Federation.

Joseph Berlant, a delegate from the College Young Democrats of America.

Frank Millspaugh, the council's delegate-at-large.

The three-day meeting was attended by about 60 delegates from some 20 of the council's organizations.